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Runs in St. David

Gord Cressy wins NDP nomination

The St. David NDP nominated former school board chairman Gord Cressy as their candidate for the next provincial election last Wednesday, and in so doing laid the basis for the hardest-fought election race the riding has seen in years.

St. David is currently represented at Queen's Park by Revenue Minister Margaret Scrivener, who first won it by 5,000 votes over the NDP in 1971.

Scrivener's margin was cut in half, to 2,600 votes in 1975, despite the fact that NDP candidate Jim Lemon was virtually unknown in St. David. This time, the NDP hopes to win with Cressy, who is well known in especially the southern half of the riding, which he represented as a school trustee for seven years.

But Cressy still faces an uphill battle: the Conservatives have held the riding uninterrupted since the early 1950's. The NDP has traditionally run a fairly strong second, but has not managed a win since 1948.

This time the NDP seems to be preparing to mount a major effort to win the riding. For example, Wednesday night's nomination meeting was attended by a noticeably large number of NDP personalities, led by leader Stephen Lewis, who delivered a lengthy speech to the 250 people packed into CUPE Hall 43 to hear him.

In accepting the nomination, Cressy promised to "run on the issues", in which he included "the quality of life", "air, water, and land pollution", "human services" such as health, social services and education, and housing and rent control.

Cressy said he would avoid direct attacks on Margaret

Scrivener, adding that "her own colleagues in the government do that for us anyway."

However Stephen Lewis warned later that the campaign would be hard-fought and "ideological", with the Conservatives stressing the dangers presented by "the socialist hordes". "They'll try to pin the actions of every social democratic government in the world on us," he said. "NDP policies in western Canada, economic disarray in Great Britain, the suicide rate in Sweden, promiscuity in Denmark, high taxes in Malta and monsoons in Ceylon, Margaret Scrivener will be laying them all at Gord Cressy's door."

Lewis went on to lash government land use, resource, and housing policies. He charged that the provincial Ministry of Housing "is being dismantled", while housing assistance programs have been cut and the building of new housing drastically curtailed.

Cressy was unopposed for the nomination, although some riding association members had charged earlier, one in a letter published in The New Democrat, the NDP paper, that Cressy was an unsuitable candidate because he had taken management's side against the teachers' union in the teachers' strike of 1975. Cressy was school board chairman at the time.

An unknown factor in the race shaping up in St. David is the plans of the Liberals, who have not yet nominated a candidate. In 1975, Liberal June Rowlands finished third, only a few hundred votes behind Lemon of the NDP. Traditionally, a strong Liberal candidate splits the opposition vote, while a weak one increases the percentage of the vote garnered by the NDP.

Co-op rent freeze melts

The rent freeze at the Bain Ave. apartments has crumbled in the face of eviction notices served on those not paying their full rent. The ten apartments that were still on the freeze when the notices went out have all paid up, and no one froze their rent on March 1st.

Meanwhile, the city has decided that a referendum should be held at

Bain when the final terms of sale of the apartments to the co-op are known. Supporters of the rent freeze had questioned the degree of support for co-op ownership and had called for a referendum immediately. However, the City ruled that a referendum would only be appropriate when specific terms are known and can be voted on.

Ojibway boys to visit Toronto

By SHARON WYMAN

Twelve Ojibway boys from Pine Falls Manitoba are coming to Toronto this week to see for themselves whether Hometown has a heart.

Aged fourteen to nineteen, the boys will be guests of St. Peter's Anglican Church, 190 Carlton Street. They will see the sights, from the CN Tower to the Science Centre. They will experience some night life, with dinner at Old Ed's and the Spaghetti Factory. They will see some shows, too.

The whole adventure is part of the Church's Outreach program. It is an attempt by the Church to develop reasonable contacts between people of different cultures and life styles.

Part of the trip will be financed by a sale of native crafts which will take place at St. Peter's Church Thursday March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Craft items include jewellery, mocassins, and other traditional crafts. The sale will be open to all members of the community.



Fred Andrews, Joel Keegl, Brian Stevens, Donna Clark, and Jack Couillard pose for us in front of the new van donated to Dixon Hall by the Canadian Progress Club.

photo by Adam Swica

Council changes the rules . . .

By TOM CORBETT

Developers are complaining that "red tape" is interfering with their construction projects.

In an effort to meet their complaints, Mayor David Crombie announced on February 16 that he would establish a Development Control Task Force. The mayor said he would give the group six months to recommend ways of speeding up development by cutting "red tape."

When the mayor unveiled his special task force, consisting of City Hall bureaucrats, at the February 28 city council meeting, it was not approved as quickly as he had hoped.

Although most "Old Guard" aldermen agreed with Fred Beavis who said he was "pleased to see we're putting this task force together," other aldermen felt the mayor's proposal was too vague.

John Sewell, backed by other "reformist" aldermen, sought to defer the mayor's proposal until it could be studied in greater detail.

Sewell agreed there were some problems for developers but felt the main problem "is figuring out the direction we want to go."

The mayor's task force "is not defined enough as to what they're trying to solve," he added.

Alderman Allan Sparrow agreed with Sewell's deferral plan and felt developers as well as citizen groups should have input into the study.

However, some of the "red tape" Crombie refers to consists of citizen input into the development process. Alderman Janet Howard fears this is the "red tape" the Development Control Task Force may recommend cutting.

Certainly, it would be the easiest and quickest cut the majority of aldermen would make.

When Mayor Crombie announced the task force last month, he felt present development controls were a "mixed blessing." He said they were beneficial because they ensured development com-

plied with all city by-laws and standards.

While the mayor feels "red tape" has unduly hampered development, there are many other reasons explaining Toronto's present construction lag.

Most of the development in

Toronto consists of office buildings. At the present time however, there are over five million square feet of empty office space in downtown Toronto.

While several large developments have been approved and

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. . . and the planners

By LAURA MORRISON

The "Old Guard" at City Hall fortified their ranks last week by voting corporation lawyer Fred Kan to the city Planning Board.

Kan is one of the few Chinese entrepreneurs belonging to the "Savile Row suit and Cadillac set." His legal firm has also acted for owners of 698 properties in the past two years, 63 of them in the South-East Spadina area.

It is curious that much of the Planning Board's work in the near future may be dealing with this area.

But what's even more curious is that the bulk of city council, including Mayor Crombie, voted for a man who Alderman Sparrow, Heap and Sewell demonstrated could be faced with definite conflict of interests.

It is ironic that Kan, in winning his two-year term, is filling the seat vacated by the resignation of architect J. Wylie Freeman. Freeman resigned his Planning Board seat earlier this year over conflict of interest charges when he became involved in a proposed development, his own, at 877 Yonge Street.

Kan's appointment comes at a time when the South-East Spadina Steering Committee, a citizen's group, is holding a series of public meetings in Chinatown to discuss the city's pro-development zonings for their area.

The opinion of some of the Chinese community groups who have spoken before the committee seems to be that city planners have ignored the residential needs of Chinatown.

This leads one to wonder what the reactions of the Planning Board members, especially Kan's, will be when the committee presents its findings.

Also elected to the Planning Board last week were Richard Horkins, a hydro-commissioner and vice-president of the Canadian National Exhibition, and Stanley Makuch, a university professor. Both received three-year terms.

Also running for election but receiving few votes was Franko Savoia. Savoia lost his position on the Planning Board in 1975 along with Alderman Richard Gilbert and citizen-activist Edna Dixon, when the three opposed the Central Area Plan. Their objections were based on the belief that the plan merely continued developer control over the city's growth.

In retrospect, however, council's preference of Kan over Savoia isn't all that surprising considering the prodevelopment attitudes now prevalent at City Hall.



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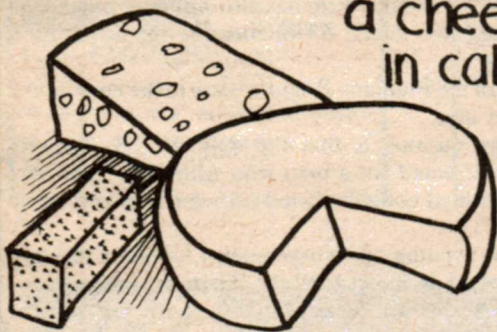
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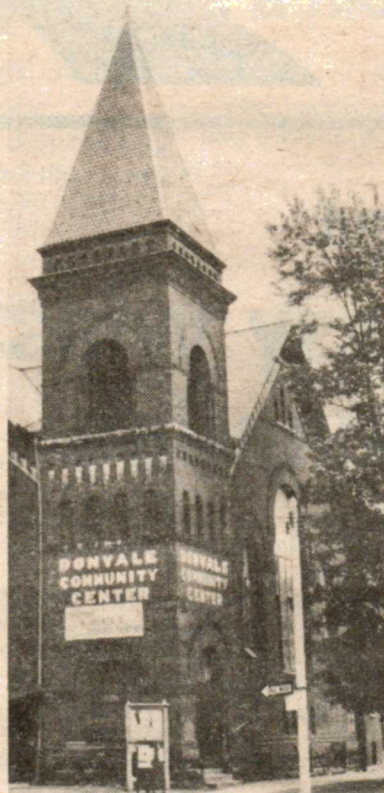
Does the community want Don Vale Centre?

Dear Editor:

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents announces a Public Meeting, to be held at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, on Monday, March 14th, 1977, at 8:00 p.m., to discuss the present situation concerning the Centre, and a proposal by a group of local residents to persuade the City to purchase the building and to continue its use as a community centre for Don Vale.

The building will be sold — to somebody. The United Church, which has leased the building, the former St. Enoch's Church, to the community for \$1 a year, intends to sell it by April 30th. The Church has given the City the right of first refusal on the property, and it appears that the City could take it over on very reasonable terms.

If not the city — who? The rise in property values in the Don Vale area over the past few years has been well documented. It is the Church's intention to sell, — if not to the City, then to some other public or religious group, and, if not to them, then to a private developer. At the prices being mentioned, it may not be difficult for a purchaser



to be found. The Centre is well-situated in Don Vale. It is an important and necessary part of the Don Vale streetscape. It can serve

a useful purpose to the community. Is the community prepared to let it go?

Action is needed. So far the City has not expressed interest in acquiring the building. The item is on the agenda for a meeting of the Parks, Recreation and City Property Committee to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 16th. If the Don Vale community, or anyone else interested in the Centre, hopes to persuade the City to purchase the building and to continue its use as a community centre, this will be the opportunity. The question is: Does the community want and need the Don Vale Community Centre?

The Public Meeting on March 14th will determine the answer to this question. If the people feel a need for a community centre in Don Vale they must say so. If they don't, the Centre is almost certain to be sold to private interests. It is therefore essential, if you support the concept of a community centre in Don Vale, that you attend the meeting on March 14th to express your views.

George Rust-D'Eye, President
Don Vale Association of
Homeowners and Residents

Community Secretariat seeks funding

By JIM HOUSTON

Faced with a funding crisis, the Don Area Community Secretariat is appealing to MPP Margaret Scrivener for help in getting provincial money.

The Secretariat's Board of Directors have written an urgent letter seeking funds to keep their doors open after federal money runs out this month.

The Community Secretariat was established with \$10,000 from the Province in 1972 to provide a co-operative pool of equipment and supplies for the large number of activist groups in the Don Area fighting for their neighbourhoods. Several residents' associations had asked the Province separately for money. The government's response was to commission the Social Planning Council to design a "model" which could get money to a lot of deserving groups out of a very limited supply. The SPC's "Community Secretariat Proposal" was the result.

A heated struggle ensued over who would control this much needed resource. Residents' associations leaders from Trefann Court, South of Carlton, South of St. Jamestown, Regent Prk, and Don Vale created FODARA (Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations) to form a community board to set up and run the Secretariat.

Besides money to buy equipment, pay the rent and the salary of a secretary-office manager, Community and Social Services also assigned a community worker to FODARA for the first two years. Laidlaw Foundation, City of Toronto, and United Community Fund and L.I.P. have all helped with funds during the four and a half years.

The biggest contributor for the past three years has been the Federal Department of Health and Welfare. But their Welfare Demonstration Grants are only for three years. This money will provide the salaries of the office manager and the community resource worker until the end of the month.

The current L.I.P. funding, which enabled the Secretariat to hire two extra staff, will run out in June. Groups who use the Secretariat pay the cost of materials such as paper and pencils, but not staff time. Unless other funding is found quickly the Secretariat will have to close by mid June.

The City is considering a request which if granted, would provide for the bare minimum of one secretary-office manager.

A request to the Province for money to keep the office operating until a funding policy is finally established has been turned down recently. Since Provincial officials had actively encouraged this application a year ago, the Board of the

Secretariat have decided on their appeal to Margaret Scrivener.

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Was in progress and high gear
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Introductions were first
On the agenda
New members were ratified too
The Chairman's report was then
Next in line
Then fund raising that old
buggabo, Amendments,
Distribution
Came in for their share of
discussion
The report on the editors'
problems did blend
Along with the general topics
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New guidelines needed for future Metro planning

By JOHN SEWELL

Metro Council is in the process of devising a new official plan for Metro Toronto. On the face of it, that doesn't sound either important or exciting — until you remember what has been done under the auspices of the present Metro Official Plan.

For instance, the present Metro plan has brought us: the Spadina expressway; the threat of the Scarborough expressway; a downtown that is exploding with office space; miles of sprawling suburbs; road widenings like Dundas Street and the Bayview/Leslie extension (both of which we have managed to fight off, so far). The present plan does nothing to encourage people to travel by transit rather than car. It says nothing about housing prices that people can afford.

In other words, a new official plan for Metro is serious business: the new plan can either set out principles which help ordinary people, or it can ignore ordinary people and start creating new problems.

Recently City Council debated the concepts that should be in a new Metro plan. Not all problem areas were dealt with, but the motions passed provide a good start. The points passed by Council include:

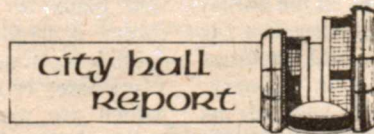
General Principles

- encouraging travel by public transit rather than private transportation
- limiting new office space employment growth in the downtown core; encouraging new office space elsewhere in Metro
- encouraging a mix of households in all ranges of income, including especially the dispersal of public low-income housing rather than its concentration into large blocs with nothing but low-income public housing
- proper attention to public costs and benefits involved in deciding on land use designations and densities of development, including especially the possibilities that proposed densities are too low for economical development

• clear definition of size and goals of Metro, so that it will not sprawl into other jurisdictions

General Strategies

- The following actions were recommended to Metro Council to be undertaken prior to the publication of a draft Metropolitan Official Plan:
 - Metro should be asked to bring forward a clear, workable plan that will result in the development of sub-centres in Metro
 - Metro and City should establish a committee consisting of the relevant interest groups to define the major factors involved in attaining decentralization



- a strategy for decentralization that takes into account:
 - (i) the demand for office space in the chosen location
 - (ii) where the office workers will live in relation to the new centre, and how they will travel to work
 - (iii) the psychological factors involved in convincing office space users to locate in the new centre
 - (iv) the planning tools that may be exercised to ensure that office space will develop at the chosen location rather than somewhere else
 - (v) the factors relating to the attraction of employees
 - (vi) the importance of linkages for upper management personnel
- no capital expenditures for new public transit unless Metro and the boroughs have agreed on a land use policy that ensures development of sufficient density
- New developments in transit should not encourage the further development of land use patterns involving a wide separation between

homes and places of work.

- Thorough investigation of possibility of at first setting up low-capacity transit facilities that can be upgraded by stages to accommodate higher levels of demand resulting from future changes in surrounding land uses
 - Local service aspects of public transit should not be undermined by transit policies directed towards achieving other objectives
 - a minimum net residential density of 15 units per acre on parcels of land 5 acres in size or more
 - Support for the continuation of strong rent controls, while recognizing that they are only a temporary expedient, and that other measures are required to solve the lack of affordable rental accommodation.
 - Opposition to the creation of dormitory housing in the regions; support for regional planning that ties the amount of housing provided to job opportunities within the regions
 - Support for policies that will strengthen existing centres in the regions and encourage employment opportunities in them.
 - Support for policies to promote regional centres at Mississauga Town Centre; Richmond Hill; and Oshawa-Whitby-Courtice.
 - Opposition to commuter rail or transit systems which encourage the location of jobs in the core.
 - The continued use of Class A agricultural lands in the Metropolitan Toronto Region for agricultural purposes.
- While some of the ideas appear to be rather general in nature, they help to point out useful directions.
- I'm interested in knowing what people think about these principles. What we need is a solid group of people who are willing to help popularize and refine these statements — and fill in areas that are not touched on, like a policy about roads and road-widenings. If you're interested, please give me a call at 367-7910. We can't afford to have another Metro official plan which doesn't deal with our problems.

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7 News is planning a major appeal to its readers for help in becoming completely self-sufficient financially. Friends of the paper are going to be asked to become "supporting members" of the paper.

In the past, 7 News has gotten money from the advertising it publishes, from fundraising in the community, and from government grants, especially the Local Initiatives Programme (LIP).

Now because of changing policies, it seems that 7 News' major source of government funds, the LIP program, will end and will not be replaced with anything else.

7 News has needed these subsidies because it is run as a non-profit community service rather than as a commercial business. This means that it has policies, such as that it shall be free to everyone in Ward 7 and that not more than 40% of it shall be advertising, that have restricted its ability to

make very much money. So grants and fundraising have had to make up the difference.

Now, ready or not, 7 News is being thrown on its own resources.

In a way, it's a bit of a shock, but it's also a healthy thing because it forces us to look for support to you, the people of Ward 7, and thus ties the paper's fate closer to the community for which it exists.

Someone said at our recent General Meeting, "We've gotten



this paper free for 7 years. If we're going to keep on getting it, we're going to have to chip in some money, one way or another." That sums it up.

It looks like a big job. Our last grant from LIP was for \$15,300: this is the amount we now have to find somewhere else.

But it's not impossible. Already, we have been moving steadily closer to self-sufficiency. We've looked at our expenses and cut them back. We've improved our circulation significantly in Ward 7, and we have also expanded it beyond the borders of the ward. We've worked hard at improving our advertising: already, it's up 28% from last year, and it's still climbing.

And now we are appealing to you to help us make it. We are asking all those people who like the paper to become "supporting members" by contributing whatever you think you can afford. We

are suggesting \$7 as a sum that many people could afford to pay, but of course we will appreciate donations from those who cannot afford to pay as much, as well as those who can contribute more. But we hope that many people will be able to send us \$7 — we think it's an appropriate sum, since 7 News will be celebrating its seventh anniversary in '77.

The membership campaign itself will involve a large number of volunteers, letters, phoning, canvassing, personal contacts with supporters, friends, and neighbours, and coupons in 7 News itself. The names of all those who have become supporting members will be published in 7 News' gala 7th anniversary issue in late spring.

If you would like to help us raise funds, or would like to become a supporting member of 7 News, please call 7 News at 920-8632 or drop into the office at 80 Winchester St.

ALPHA seeks space

By SHARON WYMAN

ALPHA School, one of the Toronto Board of Education's alternative schools, is looking for a new home. For the past five years since its inception, it has been a tenant of the Broadview YMCA. The Y is for sale and ALPHA has been informed that after the end of the current school year, it will be on a two-month lease.

ALPHA is interested in leasing space in the area and has set up a new space committee to investigate possibilities of buying space

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The TV commercial? It's only one of the three Dawn has been in. Her future? She wants to be a full time actress and a part time doctor. How will you have time for both, we asked. Well, actresses have days off and on those days I'll be a doctor, she answered. All this from a poised and charming 10 year old.

At the age of five, Dawn took a course at a modelling school. Last year she studied ballet, jazz and tap dancing, baton twirling and hula hooping at a dance studio. This year Dawn is taking drama lesson from The Jesters, a Scarborough group.



Dawn Jobson

And school? Dawn has a trophy for public speaking for a speech she wrote and presented, made easier no doubt by her extracurricular lessons.

How did she start distributing 7 News? A man on the elevator asked her to last summer. It's even included in her resume along with all her other achievements!

Hindu community celebrates Basant Mela

Basant Mela, a multicultural festival, will be celebrated on Sunday, March 20 at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. East, at 3:00 p.m.

Basant Mela is celebrated to coincide with the first day of the Hindu New Year — Samvat — 1034 Vikrami. The celebrations will also commemorate Kumbh

Mela and the spring festival of Phagwah-Holi, a very colourful and ancient festival.

This year's program will have a multi-ethnic flavour. There will be several dancers from various states of India, including internationally famous Anuradha Subramanian, Dilly Jamal, Mangala Joshi, Anita

Nayar, and others, as well as an orchestra. Russian songs and dances, films, the Kungla Estonian Dancers, and John Piper and his accordion.

A variety of sweet and spicy vegetarian dishes will be served.

For further information, call Canada Hindu Organization at 465-2214.

Moss Park Arena needs your help in planning

Moss Park Arena, at the corner of Queen and Sherbourne Sts., is one of the city's best facilities available. Opened in January, 1975, the arena will conclude its second winter programme at the end of March.

The Board of Management and the Manager, Brian Sutton, would like to hear from residents of Wards 6 and 7 to obtain opinions about this summer's programmes

and plans for next winter. The Arena is available for rental for large receptions with catering done elsewhere; 10 shuffleboard courts which are already in existence; roller skating for those who have special skates; and a general accessibility for ball hockey depending on other bookings.

If there is a general interest, Brian Sutton will acquire the special rental of roller skates on the premises and he will also welcome an increase in the shuffleboard participants.

To give the readers an idea of the type of functions that can be held, Toronto's twin city, Amsterdam, will be recreated in the Arena during this year's Caravan.

Anyone interested in participating in these summer activities or suggesting others for summer or winter, is requested to contact Brian Sutton at 368-1512.

Interest already has been expressed in developing classes in learning to skate, figure skating, speed skating, etc., and anyone interested in participating or teaching would be very welcome.

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could be constructed at any time, there is no market for this additional space.

Also, financial experts blame the present "financial uncertainty" for a slowdown in all types of construction.

So why does Mayor Crombie think a Development Control Task Force is necessary at all?

He feels it is a must to bring about quicker development approval for "small people as well as the big developers."

Some people look at the mayor's proposal in a different light. It is

feared that recommendations the task force might table, given their mandate, would enable the speeding up of rezoning and official plan changes to suit developers.

While present economic conditions may keep the lid on large-scale development temporarily, a construction surge is forecast for the future. At that time the Development Control Task Force recommendations could prove a boon to developers.

It's ironic that Mayor Crombie, who originally acquired his position with a slow-growth philosophy, is now actively pursuing more development.

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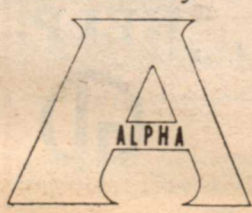
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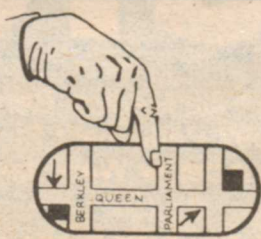
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Name	Team	G	A	PTS	PEN
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B. Collins	Seals	8	9	17	19
J. Chong	Leafs	6	9	15	49
B. McCulloch	Seals	6	8	14	4
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Name	Team	GP	GA	SO	AVG
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday March 12

A multi-cultural spring festival is being held at Earl Grey Senior School, 100 Strathcona Ave., today from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Riverdale Intercultural Committee, the program will feature games and displays, an international buffet (adults \$1.00, children 50¢), multi-cultural music, song, and dance. Admission is free.

The Sherbourne 155 Residents' Association will be holding a rummage and bake sale at 11 a.m. to be held in the main floor recreation room at 155 Sherbourne St.

The newly-formed Lesbian Organization of Toronto (LOOT), in conjunction with The Other Woman newspaper and the 3 of Cups coffeehouse extends an invitation to all women to attend a festival of women's activities at their open house at 342 Jarvis St. from noon to 6 p.m. The event will feature displays, entertainment, and discussions.

Sunday March 13

The Canada Hindu Organization conducts regular weekly activities every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. E., including free meditation, yoga, Hindi and Sanskrit classes. Call 465-2214.

The Toronto Arts Productions Apprentice Theatre Programme presents four one-act plays at Harbourfront's York Quay: Pinter's *Trouble in the Works*, Robert Patrick's *Camera Obscura*, Pirandello's *The Man with the Flower in his Mouth*, and Jules Feiffer's *The Unexpurgated Memoirs of Bernard Mergen-deiler*. 1:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Monday March 14

A meeting to discuss ways of keeping the Don Vale Community Centre as a community centre is being held at 8 p.m. at the Centre, 80 Winchester St. If you care at all about the future of the building, it is important that you attend.

Free legal assistance is available Monday and Wednesday evenings at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. for Riverdale residents. Register in person between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on clinic nights. For more information call Val at 461-1168.

Tuesday March 15

There will be a bingo at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., at 7:00 p.m. Admission 50¢.

Thursday March 17

A sale of native crafts from the Fort Alexander Reservation in Manitoba, will take place at St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St., beginning at 7:30. Jewellery, bead work, moccasins, and other traditional crafts as well as some one-of-a-kind items will be for sale. The sale will pay the travelling expenses of 12 Ojibway youths who will be spending a week in Toronto as part of the church's outreach program.

Tonight and every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. there is progressive euchre at Dixon Hall. Admission \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for seniors.

The Parliament Street Library House is hosting a St. Patrick's Day festival today, at 7:00 p.m., featuring poetry, music, film, display of Irish handicrafts and other events.

Friday March 18

The annual meeting of the Don Area Community Secretariat will be held in the penthouse at 285

Shuter St. tonight at 6:30 with a potluck supper. Any Ward 7 resident may attend, and may become a member of the corporation. The Secretariat is also seeking new members; for more information call 363-3888.

Dundas Day Centre is holding a St. Patrick's Day Dance tonight at All Saints Church, 315 Dundas E. 75¢ admission includes first refreshments.

The Parliament Street Library House is showing the movie "M" at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday March 20

The Canada Hindu Organization will be celebrating Basant Mela, a multicultural program featuring dancers, an orchestra, several films, and a variety of vegetarian dishes, at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. E., from 3:00 p.m. on. Everyone welcome.

Monday March 21

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., is holding a bake sale at 1:00 p.m. today.

Wednesday March 23

Poet Tom Wayman will be reading from his new collection *Free Time: Industrial Poems* at 8:00 p.m. tonight at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd.

Thursday March 24

The Don District Inter-Agency Group will be meeting at the Red Cross National Headquarters, 95 Wellesley St. E., in the National Boardroom, at 10 a.m. For more information call 924-2543.

Friday March 25

The film *Mysterious Mr. Wong* is being shown at the Parliament Street Library House at 7:30.

General

Woodgreen Community Centre is looking for volunteers to assist in its services to the elderly, including driving the handicapped, delivering meals-on-wheels, home visiting, shopping, and bringing the elderly to drop-in programs, as well as book-keeping and clerical work. If you're interested, call Mrs. Dineen at 461-1168.



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Is it a BINGO for this avid, layer at the 41 Oak Street Bingo Club?

NEWS BRIEFS

Riverdale PC's open office

The Riverdale Progressive Conservatives have opened a riding office at 1000 Gerrard St. E. (Gerrard Square), on behalf of Nola "Sam" Crewe, the PC candidate in Riverdale for the next provincial election. The office will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Phone number is 465-5434. The office is part of a large-scale campaign the Tories are putting on to challenge NDP incumbent Jim Renwick, who thumped the PC candidate in the last election by more than 4,000 votes. Guests at the office's opening included Ward 8 alderman Tom Clifford, MPP Frank Drea and St. David MPP Margaret Scrivener, the Minister of Revenue in the PC government. Mrs. Scrivener whose

riding office on Gerrard St. East has been closed for several months, spoke on the value of a riding office in helping people solve their problems.

Benefit fund started

Neighbours and friends of Al and Ann Hughes, who lost their business in a fire last month, have started a benefit fund for them. Ann ran a wool business at the front of their store at 1287 Gerrard St. E. and Al had his printing presses in the back. The fire is believed to have been started by burglars. The Hughes had no insurance and their friends are rallying to help them pay urgent bills. Donations can be sent to the Hughes Benefit fund at the Bank of Commerce, Greenwood and Gerrard.

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By SHERILYN MARSHALL

Ride on down the road on some wheels and park yourself at Theatre Passe Muraille's rest stop, 16 Ryerson Street — to enjoy a musical comedy — about — you guessed it — truckers. *Eighteen Wheels*, written and directed by John Gray, gives both sides of the story. The play uses two main settings — a greasy spoon road side restaurant and a truck — the rest of the scenery is in the music.

The play opens with three characters singing — giving one the feeling of being part of a fair. The semi-concert opening sets the stage for good music and entertainment. It's strictly C/W and blends well into the party-play, travelling along with the truckers and their imaginary riders — the audience.

The humour in *18 wheels* is subtle at times — as dialogue, music and facial expressions all blend into the story, bouncing about at will, priming the audience for the ride. There is also the not-so-funny aspect of trucking where death rides shotgun all the way.

Sadie, the 12-8 lady tells her sad tale of life in simple lyrical song, interspersed with talking about her boring life in a mining town, and how she took up with a trucker, only to get rid of him in Toronto. Her message to herself seemed one of self-pity coupled with a feeling of a lost innocence as she tells why she's the Star of the Hollywood Grill. All her wishes became broken dishes and she can't face the big city any more — thus a waitress at a truck stop for her.

The scene changes from the stationary grill to a terror-filled ride as seen through the eyes of trucker James New. He is driving down Highway 400 and the red pinto misses. James is fighting his way through a blinding snowstorm, only to find death at his destination. Flash, crash and it's over — he rides on. The soft tragic ballad "Silent Wheels" expresses New's feelings for the white lonely night — death is silent and final. Is there a villain in death —

besides death, itself — he asks? There is no answer — only silent wheels.

From the terror of mangled death, the play attempts to get back into a lighter vein, but can death be wiped out that easily? The scene switches to a trucker and his lonely stay-at-home wife — both of them heading for trouble. Lloyd is lonesome for his Molly. Molly cheats. The solution is take Molly along — make her a partner. The humour warms up the audience with a little ditty "Partners", describing their road relationship in a truck built for two. Lloyd lets Molly do all the driving, not realizing that he is pushing her away from him — he cries, she leaves. Lloyd tears across the country — searching for something that no longer exists for him. Loneliness is a bitter price to pay.

Eighteen wheels is a combination of humour and horror as it deals with several aspects of human emotions — blending them into a pleasant mixture. The three characters inter-relate to each other, but don't get involved.



Molly and Lloyd sing "Partners"



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Remembering Grandma

By T.F. MAYBEE

A small boy was caught trying
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Mother asked why. Here's what
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"I want to wear glasses like
Grandma's — they must be
special, 'cause she can see
much more than most people.
"She can see when folks are
hungry or sorry, and she can
even see what'll make them feel
better. She can see how to fix a
lot of things to have fun with,
and she can see what a feller
was meant to do, even if he

didn't do

it right. She can see when a
feller is going to cry, and she
can see how to get him smiling
again.

"I asked her one day how she
could see so good, and she said
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At the Polish Restaurant

Across my dish of chicken paprikash
in the Polish restaurant on Queen
I stare into your lovely brown eyes.

We've just been skating at City Hall,
your cheeks are flushed with red and appetite;
I caress your foot with mine
but you just keep shovelling your dumplings down
like a polar bear.

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Love Poem #5

Your glance unclothed me from everydayness,
So I put on my dark glasses,
And reeled down the street like a partygoer,
Knocking into posts and dogs and cats;
My skin rippled from head to toe,
Like sunlight cavorting on the water,
And deep inside, the warmth
Penetrated
Like a sunbath in the sand;
It was hours before I
Felt clothed again.

Mary Ann Wilson

This Morning

I am walking my boy to school.
The sun touches the tops of buildings and trees
with a reddish, golden light.
The branches are bare of leaves
and we two are bundled up
in our almost-winter clothes.
We don't speak,
but walk slowly up the hill.
He brings my attention to little bits
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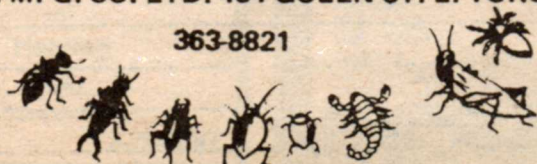


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By JILL CARTER, AGE 6

Once there was a little goat. And the goat
looked at the beautiful woman. And the woman
just went pooh. And the goat hum. Then the god
fairy came down from the sky. And she said
Weeee.**Fun at the "K" Club**

By SHEILA COUTURE

The "K" Club is a nice place. The kids like to play
games like the key game and dodge ball. Some people
go to the stamp club, and some like to go to First Aid,
and some go folk dancing. On Thursday nights the
girls get to have the gym for the whole night. Some of
the girls go swimming at Lord Dufferin School. At
the club on Mondays or Wednesdays, you can go to
cooking.Most of the girls like to go up to the boys depart-
ment, so Yvonne Cameron the girls' leader made a
bet with us that some girls can go up once a week.
When the girls go upstairs they like to play ping pong,
hockey, pool, and shuffle board.The little girls like to colour so we have colouring
contests. But when we bring in members we get to
pick a prize out of the window.**Kiwanis Music Festival**By SUE-TINA KONG and
JANICE BOWDENOur School band went to the Queen Elizabeth
Building at the Ex for the Kiwanis Music Festival.
We played "This Old Man" and competed
against some other schools. At the end when
they announced the winners, Balmy Beach
School came in third, Regent Park School came
in second, and Maurice Cody School came in first.The scores were Balmy Beach 71, Regent
Park 79 and Maurice Cody 80. Regent Park only
lost by one point.**Chinese New Year**

By MAE ING

February 18 was the Chinese New
Year's Day. On Chinese New
Year's Day we give out little red
envelopes with money in them.
We dress up nicely and thank God
for the food.On Chinese New Year's Day we
cannot say bad words. My mother
told me that last year was the
Dragon year but this is the year of
the snake. When I am sleeping my
parents wake up to celebrate the
Chinese New Year's eve.

By JAMELY CHOW

February 18 is Chinese New
Year's Day. The Chinese put some
red paper with some words on it
and tape them on the wall. Before
the New Year, the Chinese visitfriends and give them red packets. Some Chinese think it is crazy to
do.They make some food to eat on
the Chinese New Year. In some
restaurants, a person dresses up in
costumes. In Hong Kong we take
some foods and drinks to the
temple. Chinese New Year means
to grow.Hey, Barney! Do
you like lemon
meringue pie?Sure, Herb. I love
them. Why?

By CAROL FRANZ

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cream, mushrooms, garlic bread,
and chef salad: \$4.75**924-7202****438 Parliament****Metcalf Street residents meet
to protest "bachelor" renovations**A group of residents on Metcalfe
and Amelia Streets in Don Vale are
opposing plans to convert 50 & 52
Metcalf St. into an expensive
rooming house. The owners of the
house plan to convert the house
into at least 26, and possibly 33,
17' x 14' rooms, renting at
approximately \$260 per month.
The rooms would not have kitchen
facilities.Residents object to the proposed
conversion for a number of
reasons. They say that the rooms
would not be in keeping with the
needs of the area, and they say thatthe already existing parking prob-
lem on Metcalfe and Amelia would
be aggravated, since only six
parking spaces would be provided
for the building.They are also unhappy with
plans to build an extension onto the
back of the building, for which the
owners are trying to obtain a bylaw
exemption, and are lobbying to
prevent it from being granted.
However, the main part of the
renovation can proceed under
existing bylaws, and work on the
house is already well under way.**SUN RAY**
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